

# **Maine EMS Examination Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 19, 2004**

**Maine EMS Conference Room, Augusta**

## **Minutes**

**Present:** Jacky Vaniotis – Chair, Trisha Coleman, Joanne LeBrun, Gary Utgard, Kelly Roderick, Travis Norsworthy (via videoconference)

**Absent:** Rick Doughty, Bob Hawkes, Darrell Gilman

**Staff:** Drexell White

**1. Call To Order** - The meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m.

**A. Assign Timekeeper** – Trisha Coleman

**B. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda** – Hodge NREMT Concern (Vaniotis)

**2. Minutes – September 21, 2004, meeting minutes - review for acceptance**

The minutes of the September 21, 2004, meeting were reviewed

*Motion: To accept the minutes of the September 21, 2004, meeting. (Utgard;LeBrun - motion carries).*

**3. Old Business**

**1. Paramedic Exam**

The Paramedic Exam Project Request for Information (RFI) has been distributed to the vendors identified and to the regional offices. The deadline for the RFI is October 29, 2004.

**2. Student Handbook - Status**

Nothing to report.

**3. EMT-B Practical – Data Gathering**

The committee reviewed the revised Excel spreadsheets developed by Darrell Gilman for capturing practical exam data. Committee members reviewed the document and suggested the following changes be made:

- Change “Critical Yes” from numerical to a “Y/N” type field
- Remove the “Critical No” category
- Data in the “#Fail” fields needs to be “fail” data instead of “pass” data
- Remove station totals

Staff will make changes and distribute to the Committee.

**4. Exam Considerations for Proposed Airway Module – Placeholder**

Maine EMS staff, education committee, and Ops Team are discussing the airway module and other protocol changes in order to create an implementation plan that encompasses training and logistics.

**5. Issues log for tracking Exam problems**

Drexell White distributed an exam feedback document for reporting exam complaints and issues to Maine EMS. The document will be distributed to regions and other interested parties in MS Word format. The form is designed to be completed on the computer and electronically filed with Maine EMS.

Trisha Coleman discussed her discovery that the reason regions have not been receiving certain NREMT results are because the site codes of new instructors have not been filed with the NREMT. NREMT will only send exam results to regions if the site code on the exam answer sheet is known to the NREMT. Drexell White reported that NREMT has been provided with an updated site code list and that the list will be updated as new Instructor Coordinators are added.

#### **4. New Business - Additions and Deletions – Hodge NREMT Concern**

Jacky Vaniotis distributed an email from Instructor Coordinator Chuck Hodge that expressed concern about the pass/fail rates for the National Registry of EMT (NREMT) exam. She will respond to him with the most recent pass/fail rates that Maine EMS has on file.

Drexell White stated that the national average for NREMT practical exams (according to Bill Brown, NREMT Director) is:

- ◆ 2 % fail outright
- ◆ 50% Pass on the first attempt
- ◆ 48% must be retested on a particular station
- ◆ 84% overall pass the exam on the same day

#### **5. Next Meeting**

##### **A. Set Agenda - Next agenda to include:**

- 1. Paramedic Exam**
- 2. Student Handbook - status**
- 3. EMT-B Practical Skill Station Data**
- 4. Exam Considerations for Proposed Airway Module – placeholder**

##### **B. Set Date and Time**

The next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2004 at Maine EMS, 45 Commerce Drive, Suite 1 in Augusta.

#### **6. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Drexell White